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AVONDALE FELON SENTENCED TO 45 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF 25 BULLETS

PHOENIX -- Perfecto Joey Bejarano, 24, of Avondale, Ariz., was sentenced here today to 45 months in prison and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service by U.S. District Court Judge Susan R. Bolton. Bejarano previously pled guilty to Felon in Possession of Ammunition and admitted violating the terms of his federal supervised release on July 24, 2006.

During the course of his guilty plea, Bejarano admitted that on February 14, 2006, he was staying at his mother's residence in Avondale, Arizona. At that time, Bejarano was wanted for violating the terms of his federal supervised release which were imposed after his felony conviction for Theft of Firearms From a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer on July 15, 2003. Pursuant to an outstanding federal arrest warrant, Bejarano was found in his bedroom and taken into custody by the U.S. Marshals Service. In the course of his arrest, a total of 25 bullets were found in Bejarano's bedroom and pants pockets. At the time of his arrest, Bejarano also had a prior felony conviction in 2002 for Aggravated Assault, in the Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County. Bejarano has been in federal custody since his arrest on February 14, 2006, and was remanded to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons by Judge Bolton.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Marshals Service, Avondale Police Department, U.S. Probation Office and Maricopa County Adult Probation Office. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick A. Battista, District of Arizona.

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